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OUR HONOR ROLL

In order that churches may see the difficult problem of the Conference and the benevolence boards during the early part of the year, and in order that they may see how their own remittances are progressing, The Pacific plans to publish a church-by-church list of contributions every month during 1933. Below appears the names of the churches and the amounts sent in for the period beginning January 11th and closing February 28th. As our readers well know, remittances up to January 10th are credited for the year previous. The total amount for foreign, home and state work is about $2075. Of this the Conference receives about half, or a little more than $1000 for the two months. Our expenses for the same two months amounted to about $4600. The Conference has some other sources of income, but the actual deficit for the two months is close to $2000.

The attached list includes twenty churches out of a total of about a hundred. It is to be hoped that a much larger proportion will month by month find themselves on this honor roll.

Berkeley—First	$ 645.00
Berkeley—North	114.38
Cloverdale	8.53
Cotati	3.84
Ferndale	5.13
Fresno—First	37.50
Martinez	22.10
Oakland—First	556.45
Plymouth	100.00
Palo Alto	200.00
Pacific Grove	25.75
Petaluma	31.25
Redwood City	35.00
Ripon	5.00
San Francisco—Richmond	7.00
San Jose	120.00
Santa Cruz	1.00
Santa Rosa	26.69
Sonoma	25.00
Soquel	5.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	$2,074.62

CLELAND ON THE AIR

Our Congregational people in Northern California will be interested in listening on Saturday evenings over station KTAB from 7:45 to 8. Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor of our Alameda Church, is presenting most interestingly "True Stories of Real People."

SLIDE SERVICE

In January of this year there was a reallocation of slides to the Conference offices. Those now on deposit in San Francisco are as follows:

Ponnusamy Grows up
New Thrills in Old Shansi
With the Boys and Girls Abroad
The Thrilling Tale of the Philippines
China's Past and Present
Congregational Shrines
A Crusade of Brotherhood
We Are Rising (twelve slides depicting the progress of negroes)
Out Among the Red Men, Learning All About Them

A set entitled, "The Paradise of the Pacific is expected from the East in the near future.

Will churches desiring this service please send first and second choice, in case the first choice is in use on the date desired?

Church or Bank?

Does religion help men in a day of financial stress? Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor of our church in Sacramento, answers this question in a paragraph in his own church paper, in which he describes the "run" on the banks following the closing of one of the large financial institutions:

"All day last Saturday I was mingling with the crowds who were milling around the banks. I was doing my best to reassure distressed people. I had a word with a large number of our own folks. I could not help contrasting the poise of those who have spiritual foundations with the suspicious and hysterical actions of others. I saw in the crowd many a man from our Church who inspired confidence among people who felt they could have confidence in him. "The Steadying Power of a Great Vision" is to be my theme next Sunday morning. Let all those come who need this steadying power, not only for themselves, but also to impart to others. A message for these days of stress is the cherished utterance of Calvin Coolidge, four days before his death: 'So many things are changing. Where we used to look with confidence, we now look with uncertainty. There is only one thing in which we can still have confidence—that is religion — the same today as yesterday!' "

A week or two later the courage of the church and its pastor was evidenced in the following paragraphs printed in the church bulletin:

The Church Has Not Failed!

The oldest bank west of the Mississippi river, except one in St. Louis, has closed its doors. Our church is older yet, having been organized more than a month earlier, in 1849. And our life is stronger than ever because it is rooted much deeper. We face the future with confidence. Our Pioneer people will not spread vicious rumors; we have faith that the truth will come out, and we know that if there are those who are guilty they will surely be punished. Ours is not a blind faith, surely not a superstitious faith. We believe that Christ's message and program is offering the way out.

The large numbers who are turning to us bear witness to the assurance and steadfastness by which our services undergird their faith."

R.E. PROGRAM

The Religious Education Committee at its regular monthly meeting February 6th, appointed the following persons as counsellors for the present year:

East Bay.....Rev. R. R. Morgan
West Bay.....Rev. James H. Price
Santa Clara....Rev. Joseph H. Bennett
Central.....Mrs. L. M. Drury
Sonoma.....Miss Frederica Coggeshall
Sacramento Valley..Mrs. L. A. Wilson
German.....Mrs. Peter Preis, Jr.
San Joaquin.....
.....Rev. Norman B. Henderson
Humboldt.....Rev. C. H. Hudson
Modoc.....Rev. Westwood Wallace
Upper Bay.....Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum

The functions of a district counsellor are as follows:

1. To plan and conduct district rallies, institutes, conventions, with the help of the young people of the district. Most districts have about three district meetings during the year. At least one of these might well be an Asilomar rally, with emphasis on our Asilomar Conference.

2. To promote attendance on the part of the young people at the Asilomar Conference.

3. In general, to foster acquaintance, fellowship, and co-operation among the young people of the churches in each district. To try to develop a district council made up of possibly two delegates from each member church, this council to meet monthly and to plan, with advice from the counsellor, the various activities of the young people of the district.

HATS OFF!

The women of Oakland First church have shown what can be done in stepping in to the breach at a time when missionary gifts are falling off. Through Thank Offering, Dollar Plan, regular appropriations and special gifts, a total of $564 was contributed to our denominational benevolences during the year 1932. This was of course in addition to a very active program for the local church and for many community enterprises. The thanks of the Conference and our missionary boards goes to the women of this church and to all churches which have stood by so loyally.

SIGNS OF PROMISE

I believe that we are upon the threshold of a great revival of religious faith. The world is beginning to sense its spiritual hunger. Just as the closing years of the Eighteenth century, with their barren deism and open infidelity, were followed by the Evangelical Awakening and the Great Revival, we may expect that denials and excesses of present unbelief will lead to a new spiritual awakening. In some respects it will doubtless be like that of the early Nineteenth century—it will be quite without noise of catalysmic overturnings, but as pervasive as leaven and as powerful as the rays of the sun. In other respects it will be different—it will, I think, be less individualistic and more social-minded; less emotional, and better grounded in the understanding of the laws of nature and of life; less given to escape from the world, and more eager to remake the world and to build therein the City of God.

Such a revival will not come through the mere reassertion of old authorities or the reiteration of time-worn dogmas. We are living in a different world from that of our fathers. We need, not the forms of the old-time religion, but its spirit. The times demand of us, not the mere transmission of a moral and spiritual heritage, but creative thinking and adventurous action. We must labor and pray for insight and understanding to discern what is right, and for power to do the right, in this vastly complex world of our day.

LUTHER A. WEIGLE.

SURVEY REPORT

Readers of The Pacific will remember that an extensive survey was made about a year ago of 19 rural counties, including the Sacramento Valley and the mountainous territory lying between the valley and the eastern boundary of the state. Rev. Charles T. Greenway of the National Home Missions Council spent several months in close cooperation with denominational superintendents and pastors, gathering data. A full report of the survey was made at a special conference at Sacramento February 16 and 17 last. The territory covered Sacramento County but excluded the city. The area of 39,057 square miles has a population of 292,055, or a density of 7.4 persons per square mile. The most sparsely populated county of the district is Trinity, which is our own Congregational responsibility, with only .9 persons per square mile. Modoc, in which we are especially interested, has 2.1, while Placer has 17.3, and Butte 20.1.

A total of 41 denominations and sects are at work, but many of them have only one or two churches; the real strength of religious bodies is in 16 denominational groups.

There are 351 Protestant churches, with 25,266 members, or 9.5% of the population. The churches average 72 members each, sixty-nine having less than 25.

There are 47 judicial townships containing 32,992 people without any Protestant Churches.

A total of 226 Sunday Schools reported, with a membership of 22,432, an average of 99.2.

Special attention was given to several fields in which the overchurching problem is acute, and a full listing was presented of missionary aid given by all denominations throughout the territory. In only a few instances are denominations encouraging competition by aid, and in none by our Congregational Conference.

A continuation committee was appointed which will present plans to the Superintendents' Council for eliminating duplication and reaching unchurched areas. Miss Mary Coxhead of the Modoc Indian work, Rev. Westwood Wallace of Big Valley, Rev. W. E. Eckles, who has been supplying at Alturas, Rev. Robert J. Allen of Trinity County, Rev. E. P. Shier of Paradise, Rev. R. N. England of Auburn, Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento, and Superintendent Gill represented our denomination at the gathering.

PILGRIM PLACE

The annual meeting of Pilgrim Place, Claremont, was a happy occasion. Benefactions totaling more than $66,000 were received during the past year. The assets of the institution now include real estate valued at $75,480.95; homes, $186,719.14; furnishings, $19,822.38; securities, $40,332.58, and grounds improvements, $20,874.36. A total of 96 people were accommodated in Pilgrim Place during the past year as regular attendants. In ten years Pilgrim Place has grown from an institution of only $25,000 in resources. Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, beloved by Congregationalists everywhere but especially in Northern California, is the president and the growth of the institution is due in no small degree to his leadership.

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ADOPT A GOAL

In response to the letter from the Benevolence Promotion Committee, the Goal Adoption cards for benevolence giving for 1933 are coming in rapidly. It is planned to print in the April issue a list of those received. Churches are urged to send in their notices at the earliest possible moment. The budget committee needs to know how much can be counted upon for this year's expenses.

GIVE US THE BEST

Quality rather than quantity was stressed at a recent meeting of the General Council in Ahmednagar, India, and the ever growing need of strong, sane, well-balanced, Christian character was emphasized. When it became evident that work must be cut because of loss in income, Indian leaders stepped forward and offered to take up sections of work including financial responsibility as well as supervision. This is definitely a gain, she feels, because whereas often has been the plea "Give us the money and let us run it," now it is: "Give us the work and we will supply both workers and money."

THE CANADA SYSTEM

Here is a quotation from a recent letter from a resident of Montreal: "The opinion is growing, even among the supporters of the system, that the government is NOT controlling the liquor traffic, but PROMOTING it. I have a collection of liquor advertisements that are coming all the time in the mail, "Red Stripe Whiskey," "White Satin Gin," "Black Horse Ale," and many, many others. They have become household words, just like "Cream of Wheat" and "Sunkist Oranges." It is amazing how the use of liquors for social occasions has grown AMONG MY SOBER, CHURCH-GOING FRIENDS."

MORE THRILLING THAN BRIDGE

"After our daily thrills we ask one another how anybody could prefer such a dreary game as bridge," says Dr. Frank C. Laubach of Lanao, Philippine Islands as he too writes of the joys of translation. The longest literary adventure of Dr. Laubach, Mrs. Frank J. Woodward and Moro assistants, is the revision of the dictionary in the native tongue. These ambitious folk have already collected 1800 words and only reached "chair." They call in their Moro friends to get the right shades of meaning and often revert to pantomime to gain their ends. The dignified datos love to help out. What a game indeed!

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK! at your address label. Is your subscription paid?

ABCFM BLUE BOOK

If you have the big black volume, "Rethinking Missions," you certainly need the little blue book, "Rethinking Foreign Missions with the American Board," to make your study of the remarkable Laymen's Foreigns Missions Inquiry report not only inspiring but fruitful. In 63 succinct pages you will find "boiled down" a summary of the principal points and subjects with a definite tie-up to the American Board work. Thousands of groups across the country will be studying the report this year. Get your little blue book from the Conference office.

OUR SERMON FOR THE MONTH

And it isn't even original. We lifted it from a newspaper, and the newspaper lifted it from "The Missionary Review of the World." "Each year $750,000,000 is spent for cosmetics, perfumes, and creams; $350,000,000 for soft drinks; $300,000,000 for beautiful furs; $500,000,000 for jewels; $800,000,000 for cigarettes; $250,000,000 for ice cream and cakes; $100,000,000 for candies; $200,000,00 for chewing gum. And from each dollar people have, 75 per cent of a CENT goes for the Lord's work."

A MODERN RECIPE

Take one natural born fool, some booze, and a motor car. Soak the fool well with booze, place in car, and turn him loose. When finished, extract the fool from the wreckage, pack carefully in a black, plush-lined box, and garnish with flowers.—Exchange.

THE XMAS FUND

"We had hoped and feared for some days before the Christmas check came," writes one of the recipients, "knowing that contributions necessarily would be reduced and perhaps many more needing relief. As I think you know, we still owe $100 on our little home. A month or more ago we received a letter from the former owner demanding payment in full and threatening foreclosure. We wrote telling of our expected gift at Christmas, and as soon as the check came, we mailed $25 and have received no further word. We trust all is well for the present.

"There are over two hundred in this little town who are receiving aid from different organizations. All the churches are helping. It used to be a town of 7,500 inhabitants; now only about 600 remain. Most of the lumber mills and fish canneries have closed, leaving hundreds out of work.

"I am now 80 years old and write this without glasses. My hearing is good, I am still using the few teeth that remain, and am doing, or rather my husband and I are doing, our own housework. I am weak and my heart beats violently at times, though my usual health is good and by taking frequent rests I enjoy life better than most women of my age."

Although the fact that the Christmas fund of 1932 was $12,000 less than that of 1931 will make it necessary to use great care in its distribution, it still brings unspeakable blessing and comfort to the Veterans of the Cross.

IS YOUR CHURCH HARD UP?

In order to be of service to our churches, many of which are having financial difficulties, The Pacific is glad to print the following account of a plan used in the First Church of Sioux City, Iowa, as related in the official organ of that state:

"The minister, Rev. George C. Pullman, has a deep conviction that no direct appeal should ever be made either from the pulpit or in the bulletin. The main points in the plan used this year are as follows:

"1. Six months before the special event the minister laid his plans before the trustees and the Prudential Committee. A system was worked out that received the unanimous approval of these officials.

"2. Beginning some six weeks before the special service, a series of four well worded 'I.E.R.' letters went to every home, containing definite 'Information,' and 'Education' with the hope they would stimulate a generous 'Response.'

"3. When the special day arrived there was a splendid attendance. The minister's sermon, 'Where Is God Today?' did not mention finance. In a few moments at the close of the service he said, 'Today, instead of complaining about financial conditions, we wish to present our annual budget needs in the form of a dramatic picture. A series of letters to every home acquainted you fully with our situation. We now present the Spirit of our loved church in a personal symbol, robed in white, bearing the candle of faith, hope, love, generosity, and kindness.' (A beautiful young lady, robed in white, with lighted white candle, moved slowly up the aisle. Selected scripture verses were read until she took her position just back of the communion table which contained a beautiful candelabrum with a tall pink taper in the middle and three slightly smaller white tapers on either side.)

"4. Emphasizing the fact that the spirit of a church touches the lives of all, and that its leaders should always set an example, the minister asked, 'What is the attitude of the Board of Trustees concerning the program of our church?' The President of the board came forward with pledges from every member of the board saying, 'The trustees fully approve of the program of the church and offer our pledges, 100 per cent, to support it.' The spirit then lit a white taper.

"5. The deacons responded next with 100 per cent, another taper was lit; so on until the six major organizations had responded 100 per cent from their leaders. After lighting the sixth white taper, the spirit quietly placed her candle before the large unlit pink taper and took her flight.

"6. Then said the minister, 'As a congregation you get the message, don't you? The largest taper of all is yours, it is still unlit, and the spirit has left her candle that you may pick it up and light your taper. You will follow your leaders. Our ministering spirits, the ushers, will quietly pass the pledge cards.'

"7. An adaptation of William Boddy's 'God's Trustee' was read in unison; a moment of earnest silent prayer, and the actual pledge. On this 'Honor Sunday' more than two-thirds the number of pledges received all last year were turned in.

"8. The next week a follow-up letter went to those who did not respond. Two weeks later a special personal call was made to those still not heard from.

Whatever the final tabulations, the spirit of good will is wonderful, and all agree that no former method would have received such enthusiastic response. One of the main features is getting the organizations lined up to report 100 per cent. Another church in Sioux City copied the plan, and a prominent Chicago church adapted it to the needs of their constituency."

Ye Good Olde Dayes?

People who feel that Prohibition has been a failure and that the amount of drinking has greatly increased, would do well to turn back to the San Francisco Examiner of July 5, 1896, and read there a story under the caption, "A Mighty Thirst Fiercely Rages in San Francisco":

"San Francisco is provided with 3,260 licensed saloons to minister to the wants of a thirsty people. These figures take no account of the numberless barrel-houses, 'can-joints,' in the expressive vernacular of the police, for the barrel-houses are not required to pay the municipal license of $21 a quarter, and consequently are not enumerated in the books. They have their place in swelling the army of drunkards that make up the bulk of the arrests made by the police each year, however, and so are not undeserving of mention.

"Eliminating, therefore, the barrel-houses and allowing to each of the more than 3000 licensed saloons a frontage of 25 feet—certainly a moderate allowance—the astounding fact is made to appear that the San Francisco saloons, if placed side by side—would extend nearly 16 miles, one unbroken, bibulous, beery boulevard."

The Examiner then pointed out that such a boulevard would extend from the foot of Market street to San Bruno; that they would occupy sixty solid blocks of San Francisco business section to the total exclusion of everything else.

"With the retail liquor business assuming such stupendous proportions, it is only natural to anticipate commensurate results. The anticipation is more than realized in the city prison records, which disclose that during the last fiscal year there was an army of 15,392 men arrested for drunkenness."

And this is the sort of thing that the Congress of the United States, the daily papers of our great cities, and many other forces are seeking to thrust upon us again!

A REAL PARISH

He never knew the heavy burden of responsibility being carried by the elderly, loyal native pastor in Bailundo, West Africa, until he had to "pinch-hit" for him, declares Rev. H. A. Neipp. He says that he officiated at at least 30 marriages in one week besides funerals and other church ceremonies. The native church is growing rapidly. Take for example one church—so many people attended that more than a third of the congregation was on the outside of the building. Ran the program—39 babies and 49 grown-ups and 50 taking their first step toward full Christian discipleship. "The native church is established to stay and to grow in spite of depression and retrenchment," declares Mr. Neipp. With rapid growth, however, there is the inevitable tendency for irregularities especially where groups are not supervised except in a desultory manner. To check this the central church organization is limiting the number of out-stations which may be opened and is sending out 15 reliable men to organize each out-station now operating into a self-governing congregation.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

ERKELEY, NORTH — Under the adership of the pastor, Rev. El- er W. Benedict, the young people e responding to a definite program r youth. During February Mr. enedict preached four sermons to ung people. The young people at- nded these special services as never fore. Many have joind the chorus oir which now numbers 28 mem- rs, the majority of which are young ople, and the senior boys have taken arge of the task of ushering. The ireside Club for College age young ople has been enjoying a series of ew Testament studies under the adership of the pastor. An old- shioned song-fest was held at the ose of these studies. The Heidekker lub for high school young people nducted a memorial service in honor Calvin Coolidge, a special candle- ght service in commemoration of incoln's birthday, and participated in union meeting of young people's roups north of the University ampus. Mr. John Gregg is counsel- r, and its growth is due to his warm terest in the young people.

AN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW— t the annual meeting it was reported hat all bills had been paid and there as a small balance in the treasury. t is planned to rebuild the kitchen of he church, adding a garage and rest ooms, and putting Sunday School lass rooms on the second story. Most f the work will be done by volunteer abor. A roof has been put on the arsonage. Rev. James D. Salmon is he pastor.

ILES—Seven students are enrolled n the Leadership Training School be- ng held in Hayward. A Sunday eve- ing discussion group has been tarted for those who are unable to ttend Sunday School in the morning. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, the pastor, inds his boyhood trade of carpentry oming in handy on many occasions s he improves the building for new ises.

ALIDA—Rev. A. T. Davies, formerly Congregational minister of Nebras- a, and more recently serving Pres- yterian churches at Elmhurst and kiah, has been called to this church nd has taken up his duties. This hurch, which has been without lead- rship since the resignation of Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, in November, is ow prepared for a real advance.

UREKA—On a recent Sunday eve- ing a poll was taken to determine he names of the six most outstand- ng living Christians. The honor fell o the following persons in the order amed: Wilfred T. Grenfell, E. Stan- ey Jones, Toyohiko Kagawa, Jane Addams, Daniel Poling, Evangeline Booth.

ANTA ROSA—Rev. J. J. Jones, the astor, has just closed a course of studies on "The Church in the Mak- ng," which ran for over a year at the id-week services. A number of new eople are in the Sunday audiences nd aside from the financial condi- ions, which are discouraging every- where, progress is being made.

OROVILLE—Rev. W. J. Johnson has been given a unanimous call to re- main as pastor of the Congregational Church for another year. Dr. Johnson is more than pastor of the church; he is the friend and inspirer of the whole community and a brother beloved by all of our churches and ministers.

RIO VISTA—For many weeks during the autumn this church hung between life and death. Various remedies were applied, with little effect. Finally Rev. W. H. Hopkins from Southern California was called in consultation and he remained as both physician and nurse for a month. Within a week after his arrival the patient showed marked improvement, and before he left was filled with vigor and enthusiasm. A budget has been raised which is not sufficient to support a full time minister, but arrangements are being made whereby a man may live on the field and devote a considerable part of his time to the work. Mr. A. N. Cheleden, formerly of Washington, is supplying the pulpit and reports the organization of a large young people's society, the formation of a young people's Bible class, and church attendance double that of recent months.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM — Splendid progress was made in the church improvement project during the past three months. The following may be listed as accomplishments:

1. A new spirit of interest in the appearance and well-being of our church.
2. A start on the gardening of our adjacent grounds.
3. A bulletin board.
4. Curtains and other improvements in the worship center of our church.
5. Vestments for the choir.
6. Improvements for the kitchen.
7. The heat problem in process of solution with a small fund established toward it.

Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

PETALUMA — Thirty-five years a Sunday School superintendent, is the remarkable record of Christian service achieved by Miss Catherine Denman, who on January 1st laid down her responsibilities in the Petaluma Church School. Miss Denman has given herself unstintingly to her work and has sought to maintain a high standard of religious education. On her birthday, February 12th, the Church School and former students united in presenting her with a clock as a token of the affection in which she is held.

ALAMEDA. On a recent Sunday evening Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, spoke on "How, When and Why To Marry if at All" (why did Dr. Cleland omit "whom?"). At the annual meeting of the church the Women's Union reported receipts of over $800 and disbursements of $676. The Prayer Guild has 29 members. All departments of the women's work are flourishing.

CERES—Rev. Harley H. Wolford was stricken with serious illness, which was first thought to be paralysis, on February 10th. The latest diagnosis of the physician is encephalitis. For a time little hope was held for his recovery, but during the second week of his illness he made marked progress and it is hoped that in the near future he will be able to take up his duties.

STOCKTON—A reception was given to Rev. Hugh Vernon White of the American Board, formerly pastor of this church, on Thursday evening, February 23rd. A large company of friends greeted Dr. White and renewed acquaintanceship. During his stay in Stockton he was the guest of Rev. John R. Hahn, the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. H. S. Mahood returned to the active leadership of his church on February 17th, after an absence on account of illness of about three months. The churches and ministers of Northern California join with The Pacific in extending congratulations and good wishes to the pastor and his people. That the activities of the church were not permitted to lag and that our good friend Ernest Otto was on the job are evidenced by a batch of clippings totaling 96 column inches of publicity for the Santa Cruz Church and its organizations in the Sentinel during one single week. Among the interesting activities described was a trip around the world presented by the choir, the music of many different lands being offered by the chorus or some of its members.

LODI—Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, and the various organizations of this church provide a constant program of activities. On a recent Sunday Rev. Robert J. Allen of Trinity County was a pulpit guest, telling of his work in the County where he is the only resident clergyman. Washington's Birthday was observed by a party given by the Comrades Class of the Sunday School. The Chinese-Japanese question was discussed before the women's association by Lin Poon Lee of Canton, China, a student at the College of the Pacific. Robert Patterson, also of the College, led in a Sunday evening Seth Parker service recently. The pastor is to be director of the Asilomar Conference, and has been devoting much time to the set-up of the program.

PITTSBURG — Ninety persons were present at the February communion and nine were received into the fellowship of the church. Six denominations were represented in the class. The Church School orchestra of thirteen pieces has just celebrated its first anniversary. They furnish music every Sunday and frequently on other occasions. Rev. C. C. Champlin is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL—Rev. G. E. Atkinson, the pastor, has developed a Loyal League of young worshipers, and has devised a plan for promoting church attendance. Each member of the League receives a number and deposits an attendance check on the offering plate each Sunday. A certificate of honor is presented to those who attend one church service a Sunday for three months. He has about 28 young people as regular attendants.

PRES. COOLIDGE SPEAKS

Standing beside the grave of the "Unknown Soldier" former President Coolidge said: "We do not need more national development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion."

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

In a letter to The Pacific dated February 16th, H. D. Hoesley of Martinez says that he has read this paper for 45 years, and he hopes to read it a few years more, as he counts his age of 86 years as only a part of his life, The editor would be glad to hear from other readers of long standing. Is there anyone who can beat Mr. Hoesley's record?

MRS. EMMA ELDER CADY

The Petaluma Church suffered a heavy loss in the death, on January 2nd, of Mrs. Emma Elder Cady. Born in Petaluma in 1857, baptized in the Church and received into its membership as a young woman, she was a living link with the past. Her parents were charter members, two of her daughters are filling important posts in the official board of the Church, and her grandchildren are leaders in Young People's work. After residing in the East for a number of years, Mrs. Cady returned to Petaluma in 1910 and made her home with her brother, Mr. James Elder, who is ten years her senior. She was a devoted supporter and constant attendant of the Church. Present every Sunday, both morning and evening, her gracious personality endeared her to everyone in the congregation. She united in the Memorial Communion Service on New Year's Day, and the next morning answered the swift call to join the Church Triumphant.

HERE'S AN IDEA!

Here's an idea from Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, pastor at Niles:

"Some months ago I noticed where a minister in the Mid-west had made himself a depression mimeograph, stating his humble plans for the instrument. We have always needed one too, so with an elaboration on his suggestion, I now have two, one for postal cards, and one for letter size, and they work well even if not as rapidly as the perfected machines do. Here is my plan, with these materials: a tin can, some soft thin box boards, a piece of felt, and four small stove bolts. Remove top and bottom from the can, then split it down the side near the joint of tin. This is slightly larger than the size of a postal card. Open the tin and mount on the board, bolting the same to form a handle for the semi-circular surface of the tin. Mount the felt on to the tin, either by clamping on the ends, or with glue. With a little thin printers ink, or regular multigraph ink over the felted surface, it is ready to receive the stencil. If many copies are required, a re-inking may be necessary, but just a little experience at using the thing will bring amazing results. Larger sizes work equally well, though somewhat awkward. I share this because some of our other struggling churches may wish to have one too. I made mine in about an hour's time."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19-20—Sacramento Valley Association, Weaverville.

April 25—Bay Association, Berkeley Park.

April 26-27—Central Association, Ripon.

April 28—San Joaquin Association, Tulare.

May 2—Santa Clara Association, Saratoga.

May 3—Sonoma Association, Sebastopol.

May 4—Commencement, Pacific School of Religion.

May 5—Upper Bay Association, Crockett.

May 8-9-10—Southern California Congregational Conference, Los Angeles First.

May 24-31—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 29 - August 5—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 17-19—State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

Women's Federation News

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

The Executive Meeting of the Woman's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:30 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

SPRING MEETING

Make your plans now for the Spring Meeting. It will be held in Petaluma April 18 or 20. The exact date will be announced later.

A CHINESE TEA

Amidst Chinese decorations, with a Chinese soloist and with the women of all the Sacramento Churches invited, Mrs. Carol Wilson, author of "Chinatown Quest" delighted her audience with the adventures and work of Donaldina Cameron, so reports Mrs. A. V. Dunn. The afternoon had been well advertised by material sent out by the Stanford Press, publishers, while a Sacramento shop had a very effective window display of the book.

SANTA ROSA HOSTESS

Over 100 women attended a very successful all day meeting in Santa Rosa recently. Every church in Mrs. G. E. Atkinson's Association, Sonoma, was represented, with one exception.

WHO SAID TOLL BRIDGE?

Mrs. Byerrum has found a way to avoid the tolls on Carquinez Bridge. She holds two meetings for her Upper Bay constituency, one on the north bank of the Strait, the other on the south side. O woman, thy name is strategy!

A PROJECT PARTY

Here is a suggestion from an old friend, Dr. Mary Farnham. Arrange tables as for a Bridge Party, only instead of cards for entertainment, a hostess at each table regales the other three guests with interesting facts about her special subject: missions, child-welfare, prohibition, world peace, or any other. At the sound of a bell, three pass to another table and to a new project.

LISTEN! Why not utilize Jig Saw Puzzles as well? Cut out pictures illustrating our mission fields, the Chinese-Japanese conflict (a wonderful opportunity for discussing world peace), our Capitol at Washington, also (and what wouldn't that lead to in the line of wet-dry discussion, in fact to any discussion on land or sea or the heavens above). Use a variety of illustrations. Try it!

"BORN IN PRUNES"

That is where a migrant child said he was born, and do you wonder? A million and a half people are drifting up and down our coast, Miss Helen Perkins tells us, with 35.000 children of school age who were born in a camp and brought up on the road. Only three nurses minister to the migrant population on the entire Pacific Coast. One mother fed her new baby flour and water stirred together, which, strange to relate (?) she said the baby did not seem to relish; another fed her six days old infant mushrooms, and chewed coffee beans herself as her main source of nourishment. On the Day of Prayer, March 3, half of the offering received will be used for our migrant work.

Has your church adopted its benevolence goal for 1933?

REMEMBER

The Young People's Conference meets at Asilomar July 29-August 5. Advance announcement from the Program committee states that Dr. O. W. S. McCall will serve as chaplain, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be the Conference preacher.

TEN TO TWO

Every family in Albania feels that it must have two children, but the infant mortality is so great—70 to 80 per cent—that in order to have two living children a mother must have and lose eight sickly babies. This was one of the illuminating things that Rev. Charles T. Erickson of Albania told the women at their executive meeting. By the mandate of their progressive, interested, tolerant King Zog, boys' and girls' schools have been started, the need of a girls' school being especially stressed. He said, "The need for it is greater than for a boys' school, for we cannot be a modern state without educated women. No nation can rise higher than its womanhood."

What a transformation has been wrought in the lives of the girls through these schools! Formerly they sat in dark, windowless mud huts, the animals often sharing one corner of the one and only living room with the family. The fagot fire in the center of the room blew smoke into the eyes of the girls as they sat knitting their endless number of socks for a future husband, a husband they had never seen, very likely 40 or 50 years old and with children by a previous wife. Swathed in black veils, dressed in long black gowns, hardly daring to breathe, these girls of Albania existed. After a few months in school they became different girls and after five years they were expert home keepers, ,farmers, dressmakers, attractive and with bobbed hair similar to our own girls.

At first the government gave 1200 acres for these schools; now they say, "Make it a hundred square miles." It is a union of faiths: Mohammedan, Greek, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and Jew all working together with a common purpose and in a spirit of service.

"This is your laboratory," the Albanian Government says, "where modern methods may be applied to life. Show Albania what you can do."

SHALL WE SUBMIT?

Immediately upon hearing that the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., had voted 289-121 to approve the repeal resolution of the Senate, the Governor of our state indicated that he would take immediate steps toward calling a state convention. California has also been listed as one of the states that can be depended upon to ratify the repeal amendment.

Will the Christian people of California allow this state to lose all that it has gained during the past thirteen years and revert to States Rights? That is what it will mean, States Rights. Both parties are united in sponsoring it. The foundation of our Union is being weighed in the balance. Shall it be found wanting and shall our United States become a second Europe, with its rum-ridden countries? Calhoun said, "The Federal Union, it must be preserved." Let the women of this land see that it is done.

Again, shall we allow the measure to become a law reducing "the dry area about the University of California and other similar institutions, from one and a half miles to half a mile? This amendment was quietly "slipped through" the state legislature January 28 and referred to the committee on revenue and printing, from which it went to the state printer.

Shall we women sit apathetically by and let the men in the state legislature and Congress put over measures of this kind? Shall we take every blow of the "wets" lying down and not even raise our voices in protest?

Shall we allow 53, ONLY 53 eastern millionaires—the Raskobs, DuPonts, Harknesses, Cranes, Sabins, and others who contribute YEARLY $30,000, $25,000, $10,000 and other sums—to nullify our constitution and ruin this land just because THEY want their income taxes lowered, or because THEY must have their liquor? And don't think for one minute that these men want beer. No indeed. Only the choicest, most expensive vintage appeals to their epicurean taste. Give the working men the heavy steins, the ugly mugs of beer and let them pay the millionaires' taxes. Let their families suffer and be brought to destitution, if the fathers and husbands have not enough self-control to stop drinking before they have reached their limit, or if they do not "know their gin."

If we do not want these things to happen our women who believe in God and right must act and act quickly. This is no time to plead ignorance or lack of ability. Unwrap your talent, if it be but one. Take it out of that dusty napkin where it has lain so long, invest a few cents in material for the combat, and then share your knowledge with others.

Here are a few eye-openers that cost little and they can all be secured in one place, either the Anti-Saloon headquarters, or the W.C.T.U. rooms. The address is one and the same: 3 City Hall avenue, San Francisco. "Prohibition Facts," by Calderwood (10c); "Wet or Dry," by Nichol (25c); "Brewers and Billionaires Conspire Against the Working Classes," by Gordon (15c). The "Union Signal" ($1.00 a year) or the "American Issue" ($1.50 a year), one or both are invaluable for up-to-the-minute current events and should be subscribed for as additional tools in this great adventure.

Start today, buy your tools and be ready to co-operate with the Committee of Ten, recently appointed by the Northern California Congregational Conference, for the great cause of education in regard to alcohol and its evils.

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Would it not be well to investigate the rates and conditions of such gifts? We will be glad to furnish information

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